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# THE RIGHTS TO ABORTION WITH SPECIAL REFERENCE TO RAPE VICTIM: AN ISLAMIC PERSPECTIVE

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## **Introduction**

Today abortion<sup>1</sup> has become a common phenomenon for people who think that it is acceptable to hurt other fellow humans, in order to better their own life condition; or a choice between a child and career; a child and a luxurious life style; child illegitimacy, wrong sex of the child and rape. This phenomenon relates with the tradition of the people during the *jahiliyyah* period. During this time they practiced killing their daughters due to economic reasons, or convenience. Allah has mentioned in Al-Qur'an, Surah al-Isra' verse 31 as follows:-

*“Kill not your children for fear of want: it is We who provide sustenance for them as well as for you; for verily killing them is a great sin.”<sup>2</sup>*

From the above-mentioned verse the word “*awlad*” in Arabic mean children. It is used for both born and unborn children.<sup>3</sup>